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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

## Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-seventh session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 31 July to 18 August 1995. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 31 July 1995 at 10.30 a.m.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 2, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Organizational and other matters.

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7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

9. Meetings of the Committee in 1996 and 1997.

10. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Under rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and, as appropriate, may add, defer or delete items.

2. Organization and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the forty-seventh session.

The following timetable for consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and reviews to be undertaken at the forty-seventh session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its forty-sixth session.

Timetable for the consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for reviews of the implementation of the Convention

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| **Tuesday, 1 August** | |
| Chad | Fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth periodic reports, due in 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/259/Add.1). |
| Belarus | Eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth periodic reports, due in 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/263/Add.4) |
| **Wednesday, 2 August** | |
| Belarus | (continued) |
| Mexico | Ninth and tenth periodic reports, due in 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/260)/Add.1) and further information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention |

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| Thursday, 3 August | |
| Mexico | (continued) |
| New Zealand | Tenth and eleventh periodic reports, due in 1991 and 1993 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/239/Add.3) |
| Friday, 4 August | |
| New Zealand | (continued) |
| El Salvador | Third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth periodic reports, due in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/258/Add.1) |
| Monday, 7 August | |
| El Salvador | (continued) |
| Nicaragua | Fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth periodic reports, due in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1995 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/277/Add.1) |
| Tuesday, 8 August | |
| Nicaragua | (continued) |
| - | Joint meeting with Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities |
| Wednesday, 9 August | |
| United Arab Emirates | Seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh periodic reports, due in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1995 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/279/Add.1) |
| Nigeria | Thirteenth periodic report, due in 1994 (CERD/C/263/Add.3) and additional information requested by the Committee under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention (CERD/C/283) |

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| Thursday, 10 August | |
| Nigeria | (continued) |
| Russian Federation | Twelfth and thirteenth period reports, due in 1992 and 1994 respectively, which the Committee in decision 1 (46), "Report requested urgently from the Russian Federation" requested be expedited |
| Friday, 11 August | |
| Russian Federation | (continued) |
| United Republic of Tanzania | Sixth and seventh periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/131/Add.11) and considered at the 817th meeting in 1988 (CERD/C/SR.817) |
| Cambodia | Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.4) considered at the 780th and 802nd meetings in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.780 and 802) |
| Somalia | Second, third and fourth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/88/Add.6) and considered at the 728th meeting in 1985 (CERD/C/SR.728) and at the 949th meeting in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.949) |
| Panama | Eighth and ninth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/149/Add.4) and considered at the 790th meeting in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.790) |
| India | Eighth and ninth periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/149/Add.11) and considered at the 796th and 797th meetings in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.796 and 797) |
| Sierra Leone | Second and third periodic reports (CERD/C/R.30/Add.43 and 46 and CERD/C/R.70/Add.22) considered at the 153rd, 159th, 161st, 204th, 215th and 921st meetings in 1973, 1974 and 1991 (CERD/C/SR.153, 159, 161, 204, 215 and 921) |

Monday, 14 August

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| Venezuela | Ninth periodic report (CERD/C/149/Add.18) considered at the 834th and 835th meetings in 1989 (CERD/C/SR.834 and 835) |
| Madagascar | Ninth periodic report (CERD/C/149/Add.19) considered at the 835th meeting in 1989 (CERD/C/SR.835) |
| Algeria | Urgent report requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention |
| Papua New Guinea | Urgent report requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Urgent report requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention |
| Burundi | Urgent report requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention |

3. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this point as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts; or it may decide to initiate urgent procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention.

Among the preventive actions it will take at its forty-seventh session will be the consideration by the Committee of the implementation of the Convention based on further information or urgent reports requested from the Governments of the Russian Federation, Mexico, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Papua New Guinea, Burundi and Algeria. For the scheduling of the Committee's consideration of that information, see the timetable for consideration of reports, further information and reviews under agenda item 2 above.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee will consider reports received from the following States parties: Chad, Belarus, Mexico, New Zealand, El Salvador, Nicaragua, United Arab Emirates, Nigeria. If they

are submitted, reports will also be considered from the Russian Federation, Algeria, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Papua New Guinea and Burundi.

Pursuant to decisions taken at its forty-sixth session, the Committee has scheduled, at its forty-seventh session, a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose reports are excessively overdue. Those States parties are the following: Cambodia, Nicaragua, United Republic of Tanzania, Somalia, Panama, India, Venezuela, Madagascar and Sierra Leone.

In accordance with established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration or review by the Committee. For the scheduling of the Committee's consideration of that information, see the timetable for consideration of reports, further information and reviews under agenda item 2 above.

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/269) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its forty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/285). Part A of that document indicates the reports or information received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session) in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

Among the matters to be considered under this agenda item, the Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and related intolerance (provisionally scheduled for the afternoon of 8 August 1995) pursuant to a recommendation by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 1993/3. The purpose of that joint meeting is to elaborate recommendations pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/20, paragraph 4, in regard to measures to be taken at the national and international level in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-seventh session, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) The relevant General Assembly resolution on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and related intolerance (E/CN.4/1995/78);

(c) Relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission.

9. Meetings of the Committee in 1996 and 1997

As the calendar of meetings held within the framework of the United Nations is submitted by the Secretary-General on a biennial basis for the approval of the Committee on Conferences and the General Assembly, the Committee will be requested under this item to decide on the schedule of its meetings to be held in 1996 and 1997.

10. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention

In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Committee is to submit, through the Secretary-General, an annual report to the General Assembly. The 1995 report to the fiftieth session of the Assembly is to cover the activities of the Committee at its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions.

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